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S.F. TEAMSTERS OUT-BEGIN GENERAL STRIKE MOVEMENT

**TEAMSTERS!
LONGSHOREMEN!
SEAMEN!
TRADE UNIONISTS!
Unorganized Workers!**

Beware of the "Tragedy" Committee of 7!

Spread the Strike!
Fight for Rank-and-File Control!

The teamsters are out! Let's make it the beginning of the GENERAL STRIKE!

Here are a few very important suggestions:

1—TAKE RANK AND FILE CONTROL! Don't let the old executive boards conduct the strike. Most of them are led by people who are playing right in hand with the Central Labor Council fakers. Insist on electing (not appointment by officials) of a large committee of the best-trusted workers. Don't hold back, men—you think your officials are experienced and you are not. They are too frequently experienced in playing ball with the bosses and capitalist politicians. If you want a straight strike with no sellout, step out yourselves against the officials.

2—NO PASSIV. This strike is no vacation. Don't stay home or go out to a good time. You will have a plenty good time on the picket lines and in the various committees. Don't leave it to officials. Take the lead.

3—DON'T TRUST THE ROOSEVELT ARBITRATION BOARD! All they have done so far is to try and put the Longshoremen in a bad light. McGrady, the big-shot on the board, has attacked the militant leaders of the ILA for not accepting the sellout proposals that Ryan and the shipowners tried to put over. Archbishop Hanna publicly announced he was praying on Wednesday night that the rank and file teamsters should lose their fight for a strike and that the Casey-McLaughlin fakers should win against the strike.

4—DON'T TRUST THE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL FAKERS—BUILD A RANK AND FILE COMMITTEE OF ALL UNIONS TO LEAD THE GENERAL STRIKE! You teamsters heard the leaders of the "Tragedy" Committee of 7. You shouted them down and called them fakers. You are right. The rest of the workers in other unions must learn what the teamsters already know. These men are fakers. They are doing what Gov. Merriam, the strikebreaker, who called the National Guard tells them to do. Who supports these fakers? Lewis and Finnegan, the last remnants of the organized group of fakers in the S.F. ILA who are rapidly being discredited. So at the last meeting they talked the men into reinstating Edminister, a man who hasn't done longshore work in many years. Edminister is a smooth faker of the Building Trades Council. He is there to play the game of Ryan-Vanderleur-Rossi-Merriam and other shipowners' friends.

You must do to Lewis what you have done to Ryan and what the Teamsters are now doing to Casey and McLaughlin. Also watch Edminister. Organize to drive them out. They talk smooth. Sometimes they even talk militant. But they are playing ball with the worst sellout artists in the trade union movement. The old-time reactionary "labor leader" must be replaced by young blood from the rank and file. Start things yourselves. The WESTERN WORKER will be glad to help you. But above all, elect a CENTRAL GENERAL STRIKE COMMITTEE of rank and file representatives from the unions. Then you'll be sure of a square deal.

5—SPREAD THE STRIKE—MAKE IT A GENERAL STRIKE! The Teamsters must see to it that the Bakery Wagon Drivers, the Milk Wagon Drivers, etc., come out. The Street Railwaymen must come out. ALL UNIONS MUST JOIN THE GENERAL STRIKE MOVEMENT. Don't wait for the "Tragedy" Committee of 7 and the Central Labor Council or you'll never come out. Come out and send delegates to the Joint Maritime Strike Committee so that it is enlarged into a General Strike Committee.

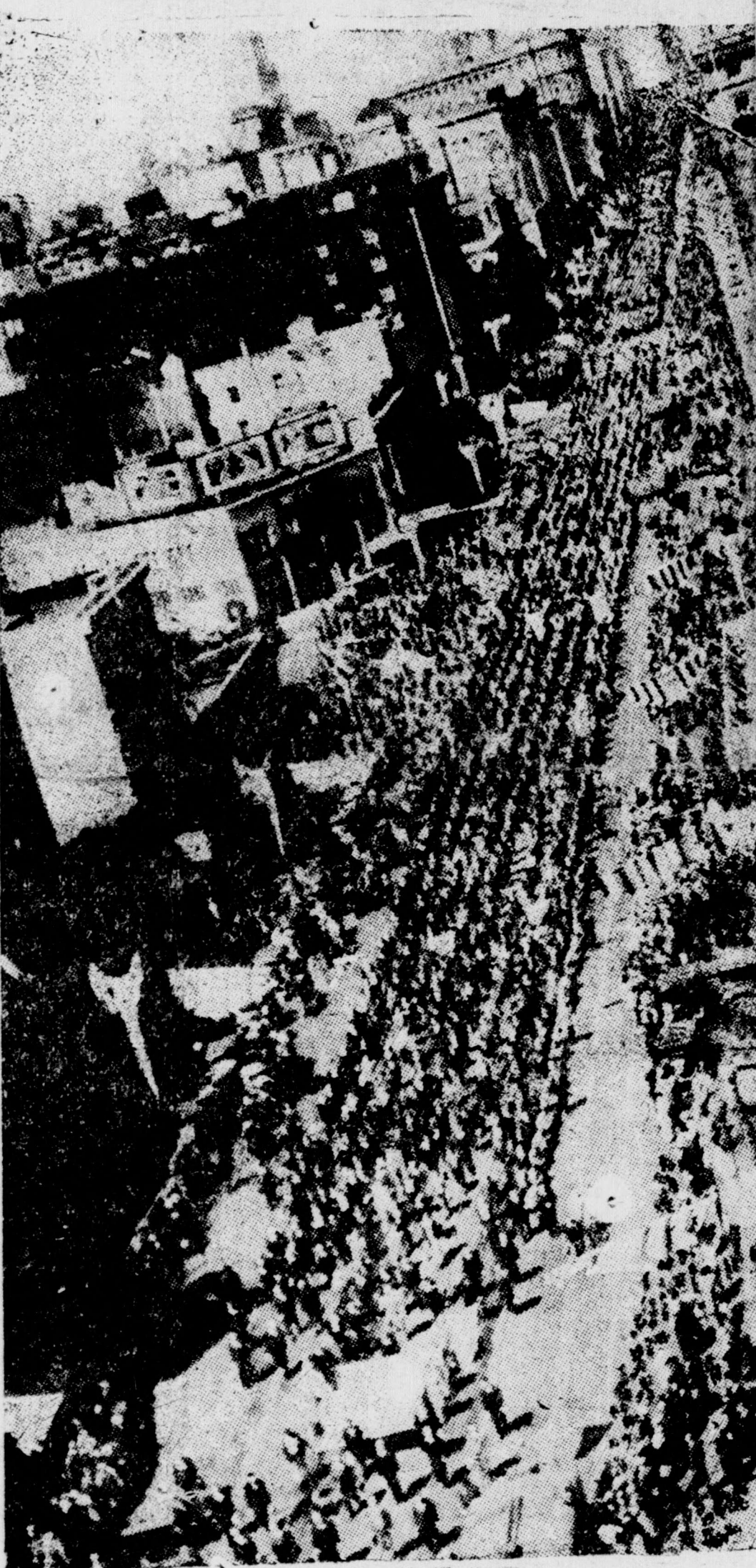
UNORGANIZED—ORGANIZE! Form strike committees in your shop. Come to the WESTERN WORKER office. We will be glad to help you.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., July 8.—Strong sentiment for a general strike in San Pedro Labor Council, resulted in a general strike vote being referred to all locals here with almost a certainty that it will be overwhelmingly in favor.

The TUUL unions have issued an immediate call to all affiliated unions to join in the move. The Fishermen's Union, the largest, with 1200 members, announces that it is ready to join in the strike. The AF of L Rank and File groups are arousing all the locals to general strike action.

Dutch Czernatsky, chairman of the Joint Strike Committee was arrested Friday.

GREATEST TURNOUT OF LABOR
SOLIDARITY IN WEST HISTORY



"Amazingly huge demonstration," reported the capitalist papers the next day. The boss class was astounded at the demonstration. Mayor Rossi watched it from behind curtains at the Whitcomb Hotel. Who is loved and who is hated by the masses of S. F. was shown by this huge demonstration as compared to the sparse attendance at the much bally-hoed funeral of Gov. Rolph.

"Nick Fought the Hardest," Says His Brother at Grave

At the final farewell to our comrade Condeorakis (Bordeis), murdered by the San Francisco Police on "Bloody Thursday", there were no sermons but expression of determination to build a strong Communist Party as a monument. Among the speakers were Comrade Darcy, Communist Party District Organizer, Elaine Black of the ILD and others. But the most impressive was that of his brother, which follows:

"My brother was always active for his own class, the working-class. Every moment of his time was devoted to the working-class movement. He was a member of the trade union of his industry, the Cooks & Waiters. He was a member of the workers club of his nationality, the Greek Workers Club. He was a member of the defense organization of the working-class, the International Labor Defense, and he was a member of his working-class political party, the Communist Party. When the longshoremen went on strike, Nick felt that his place was to help the longshoremen with their just demands. He was especially inspired by the heroic fight which the maritime workers made against the shipowners. On May 30th, when the police attacked the waterfront workers, Nick was among those who fought the hardest to defend the workers. For this, he was badly

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40,000 MASSED AT
FUNERAL OF TWO
KILLED IN STRIKE

COMMUNIST LEADERS SPEAK
AT GRAVE OF NICK
CONDEORAKIS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—The funeral for the two workers, Howard Sperry and Nick Condeorakis, murdered by the San Francisco police on "Bloody Thursday" was the largest and most impressive workers demonstration this city ever saw. The death of these two workers—a militant longshoreman and an active Communist, symbolized to San Francisco labor that powerful unity which has made the splendid strike solidarity possible.

Forty thousand massed at the ILA hall on Monday morning. At least twenty thousand took part in the procession from the hall, on Market to Dugan's Funeral parlors, at 17th and Valencia.

San Francisco never in its history saw such a turnout, and hundreds of thousands lined the sidewalks. In many shops workers took time off to take

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S. F. POLICE ARE SHIPOWNERS'
ARMED THUGS — SAYS PLANT

WATERFRONT EMPLOYERS UNION

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
210 MARKET STREET, ROOM 812
SAN FRANCISCO
June 21, 1934

Mr. Eugene Wells
President, Marine Service Bureau
258 West Seventh Street
San Pedro, California

Dear Sir:

Our membership at today's meeting expressed themselves very forcibly on the subject of expense at San Pedro.

A statement which was studied indicated an average expense of approximately \$7000 per day up to June 11th, after taking out the cost of preparing the housing ship.

No balance sheet is furnished giving information as to the cost position - how the money is being supplied, who has paid it, who has not, who has made advances, who is in arrears, or like pertinent facts.

The item of guards, cost and boarding, amounting to about \$100,000.00 is one which we think should be borne by the city. Here, the police in ample numbers are supplied without cost, and the only guards employed are those needed on the housing ships. Each company has extra guards or watchmen, the cost being borne by the individual line.

We have suggested through our various agents that you put into effect the same system followed here, whereby the individual employers pay the men a daily allowance for board and lodging, which is in turn paid to the Partners on the Housing Ship. This provides necessary revenue for running expenses on the ships and serves to restrain employers from ordering more men than they actually need.

A method must be adopted without delay to provide an income in the form of tonnage assessments and board and lodging assessments, so that you will all pay as you go, otherwise your costs will be increasingly distributed.

The committee also feels that some plan should be devised for charging the individual lines for crew members furnished through the M. & M. A recommendation on this point is desired.

An immediate survey should be made by a committee to determine if any safe reductions can be put into effect and a report should be prepared as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours,

T. G. PLANT
President

The above is a confidential letter sent out by Plant, chief of the shipowners, which was turned over to the ILA. It exposes the open strikebreaking role of the capitalist government. Only a WORKERS and FARMERS government as advocated by the Communist Party would defend the workers—not murder them.

**Bridges In Militant Speech
Exposes Shipowners Schemes
To Break Waterfront Strike
Strike Committee Chairman Stirs Roosevelt
Board Hearing — Presents Plant Letter**

Below we reprint in full the statement of Harry Bridges, the Chairman of the Joint Strike Committee, made at the hearing of the Roosevelt Mediation Board. One of the surprises at the hearing was when he introduced into the records the original of a letter sent by Plant, of the Waterfront Employers Union, sent to San Pedro advising them to utilize the police force in strike-breaking activities in place of spending large funds for guards. The letter is reproduced on this page. The capitalist press while printing the statement did not reprint the Plant letter.

I just want to inform the board that in speaking for the port of San Francisco there are a few things about the port of San Francisco that are peculiar to that port. Although we deal as a district and wish this thing settled as a district, we have evidence and proof that the scene of action, the dealings with the employer, are mostly centered in and around San Francisco.

The Waterfront Employers' headquarters are here, San Francisco, being quite a large port, the rest of the ports and the rest of the longshoremen's locals on the Pacific Coast are partly influenced by what happens here. We wish in order to clarify the position of the longshoremen in San Francisco, to submit a statement of facts that have happened from the beginning of strike and just recently before the strike, and that have continued on up to the present date. I will read into the record these few points that I think should be made clear to the board, and for the benefit of the public as a whole.

During the better part of two months, that is, March and April of this year, the demands of the stevedores to improve conditions were being mediated. During the entire period of the strike since May 9 to date the employers—the shipowners—have not made a single concession of any importance to the men.

The men have made concessions, that is, concessions away from their original demands.

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**Only Communist
Candidates Back
Marine Strike**

CAPITALIST CANDIDATES ALL
KEEP SILENT ON MURDERS;
MERRIAM SENDS TROOPS

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—That only the Communist Party is the Party of the workers became clear to thousands of workers as a result of the marine strike. It proved to be the only Party which not only makes campaign promises, but is the most active force in the ranks and the strikers.

All the capitalist candidates have carefully avoided committing themselves on the recent strike murders. The Communist candidates throughout the state are active in picketing and other duties connected with advancing the strike.

The State candidates are: For Senator—Pat Chambers. Governor—Sam Dacey. Lieut. Governor—Pettis Perry. Secretary of State—Harold Ashe. Treasurer—Archie Brown. Board of Equalization—P. Garcia. Comptroller—Anita Whitney. Judge of Supreme Court—Leo Gallagher.

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**CASEY, McLAUGHLIN COMPLETELY
REPUDIATED IN SWEEPING VOTE**

Rousing Ovation Greeted Bridges as He
Appears Before Teamsters

**"Strategy" Committee Fails in
Appeal for a Postponement**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—"WE STRIKE" shouted 2500 Teamsters as they rushed out of the Dreamland Auditorium into a tumultuous ovation given them by thousands of Longshoremen and sympathizers who waited on the streets outside. Longshoremen and Teamsters wild with joy were embracing each other in the most stirring demonstration of workingclass solidarity that even this historic strike had yet witnessed.

The fight against the fakers inside lasted over two hours but ended in a decisive victory for the militant rank and file. The meeting opened with Casey (President at \$300.00 a week) introducing three representatives of the Central Labor Council's Tragedy (mis-named "Strategy") Committee. Vanderleur, O'Connell and Kidwell. These three fakers tried to soft-soap the men. They said that the Teamster's militant action at the last meeting calling this special meeting for action on the general strike frightened the shipowners. They did not say that the action was taken against the fakers' opposition. They told the men that now "things are going our way". Then they pleaded that the Teamsters postpone their strike until Monday "to give time for arbitration". They were howled down. The men were on their feet constantly, shouting at the fakers. Finally both sat down, completely licked. Then Casey and McLaughlin spoke. They pleaded for support to the Central Labor Council. They could not be heard much of the time because of the jeers, hisses and hoots of their men. One rank and file member, a butcher wagon driver, arose and shouted "It's time we got rid of those two old B—s".

At this point, George O'Brien, a well-known rank and file man, arose and demanded to hear a strike committee representative of the ILA. This was received with great enthusiasm. From many parts of the hall the shout went up, "Let's hear Bridges!" A committee went into the street and asked the crowd for Bridges. This was taken as a good omen by the men outside and Bridges' appearance was received with a great shout of approval. Inside, the men went wild as Bridges entered. Hats were tossed in the air, whistling and cheering lasted for several minutes.

Except for frequent interruptions by applause and shouts of approval, the men hung on every word that Bridges spoke. He exposed the lies about the possible success of arbitration. He repeated the militant stand and policies of the longshoremen. He explained how the Arbitration Board was playing the shipowners' game. He concluded by saying "I know you are real brothers—you will strike tonight". When he walked out the men made another demonstration and shouted assurances from the floor.

Then Casey again began to speak. He started by saying that "Brother Bridges doesn't know all the facts". The men from the floor shouted back "Why didn't you ask him while he was here?" Casey then warned them that they will forfeit their \$10.00 weekly strike benefit. Almost in unison the men shouted back "Stick the \$10.00 up your —". (Our quotations are not exact as to colorful language—they are edited to meet profanity laws).

Casey and McLaughlin then made motions; the first to postpone action until Monday; the second to postpone action until after the maritime unions have an opportunity to vote on arbitration. The next ten minutes bedlam reigned. It began to look physically dangerous for Casey. The vote was almost unanimous for strike. A strike committee was then appointed.

**Execution of Scottsboro
Boys Set for August 1**

I. L. D. Appeals to Roosevelt and to U. S. Supreme Court

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 3.—In keeping Negroes off the Decatur jury and ignored all the other flagrant breaches in the conduct of the court during the trial.

The ILD, as the first step in the new campaign for the boys' freedom, has sent a detailed, documented report on the Scottsboro and Decatur frame-ups to Pres. Roosevelt demanding protection of the constitutional rights of the Negro people.

An appeal was sent by the ILD to the 25th annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that Mrs. Ada Wright, mother of two of the boys, be allowed to speak and for the first time since the boys were framed she was allowed to address them, appealing that they join the united front of struggle against these lynch verdicts.

The International Labor Defense which has conducted the three year fight to save the nine Negro boys is preparing an appeal to the United States Supreme Court. The decision of the Alabama court ruled that there had been no discrimination

Agricultural Workers Strike Against Calling of Troops

400 Hayward Cot Pickers on Strike In Solidarity

DEMAND TROOPS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT.

HAYWARD, Calif., July 7.—More than 400 agricultural workers, from nine apricot ranches in this area have joined the strike called by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union in support of the maritime workers struggle.

After the meeting Thursday night, rallied when news came of the police massacre of workers on the waterfront, a picket line went out yesterday morning and brought out 250 workers on four big ranches. The movement has since grown to 400 strikers, with more coming out today. Main ranches affected are Kings, Tony Ayres, Smith, Jorgenson, Jackson and some of the drying sheds have come out.

Even a number of stores in town closed as an expression of sympathy with the strikers.

At a mass meeting last night in the union's hall here 300 workers from San Leandro, Decoto, Russell City and this city voted to spread the strike.

Strike and relief committee were elected and demands for withdrawal of troops from the S. F. waterfront, for 35c an hour for all picking of apricots, pears and other fruit for the remainder of the season, recognition of the union, and for no discrimination against women workers, have been drawn up and will be voted on by a mass meeting tonight.

Hunt Bros. cannery is tied up with all fruit cut off and the strikers are working to spread the strike to include them. A picket line around the cannery is ordered for Monday morning.

Frank James, C&AWIU organizer, was pulled from his car when on his way to Decoto by deputies, badly beaten and then jailed. More than eighty deputy sheriffs have been mobilized and are trying to jail all the leaders.

The union has appealed for funds to be sent at once to help the strikers. Gasoline for autos to maintain the picket lines is particularly needed. Send funds to Workers Center, 645-22nd St., Oakland, Calif.

Workers Stop Finger Printing at the Relief Office in Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif., July 5.—The Stockton Relief Board tried to finger-print Comrade Feingold whose husband was in jail for his activities in the Brentwood apricot strike, when she asked for relief for her four-month-old baby and her two girls. The workers immediately started to picket the Relief Board in protest.

The Communist Party and the C&AWIU elected a joint committee, who called on the Board of Supervisors to demand that this practice of treating the poor like criminals be stopped and stayed at the board meeting for one hour until the demand was granted. Two years ago the same thing was tried by the Relief Board and was stopped by the protests of the workers.

Comrade Feingold's militant stand in this case attracted so much attention that even the Socialist Party talked about it, but they did nothing but talk.

Workers Stop Forced Labor Order Sent to 80 Year Old Woman

BELFLOWER, Cal., July 2.—Mrs. Emeline Carney of 1012 E. Rose St., Belflower, is 80 years old. Nevertheless Mrs. Carney received a postcard from the county welfare, telling her to report for work on a garden plot or be cut off relief. The Relief Workers' Protective Union saw to it that she wasn't cut off relief.

Many Militia Do Not Show Up to Avoid Going To Docks

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Last Tuesday at the San Francisco Armory the 159th Infantry National Guard got a swell talk about what a grand time they were going to have on the waterfront. Swell eats, a special building and plenty of swimming. There was going to be no trouble. "We might have a little trouble uptown, but everything is going to be O. K. on the waterfront," we were told.

We were all told to be ready to go out on Thursday, if the conference failed. However, they were only going to take men that were qualified marksmen, no rookies.

Very few turned up for the mobilization, as they had probably read in the papers about the Guard being held in readiness. Most of them gave phoney addresses and could not be found. Some complained that their fathers worked down on the waterfront, or were union members, and they couldn't be expected to fight against them. The older men don't like it a bit, but the ex R. O. T. C. kids don't give a damn, most of them.

—National Guard Member.

San Jose Clearing of Rooseveltville Arouses Struggle

SAN JOSE, Calif., July 2.—When the Board of Supervisors met here this morning they were met by an angry, buzzing committee of 100 workers, making the following demands: Stoppage of evictions from the miserable shacks that they have erected on the property of the widow of the late Senator James Phelan and the SPRU at 10th and Ross Sts.; adequate relief for all, with no discrimination; that a water line be laid into the camp, including sanitary toilets; that definite housing facilities be provided, and clothes for those that need them.

These workers, living under unbearable conditions, were told to vacate by the Sheriff within 5 days. Some have tents, others have built shacks of scrap wood, tin and other materials from the junk heaps. Their naked and weary children are a pathetic sight. The water they were getting from the stock corral has now been shut off. A few families get relief, and some were cut off because they were not bona fide residents.

The supervisors were forced to take up this matter with the Phelan estate, and three families out of six got back on relief. Those who spoke at the supervisors' meeting were Comrades Proctor, Segal, Jean Rand and O'Rourke, candidate for supervisor in District No. 2. Tomorrow steps are to be taken to organize an Unemployed Council here.

San Joaquin Workers Watch for this Rat!!

STOCKTON, Cal., July 9.—A labor racketeer is now operating in the San Joaquin Valley who, in the name of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union which he joined some time ago in Sacramento, holds street meetings and then takes a collection which he pockets to buy booze. He has bragged that he can easily get \$5 a day in this manner. He changes his name as he goes along. He is a Negro, about 40 years old, five feet nine inches tall and weighs about 150 lbs. He is a fair speaker, but has a poor education, speaks bad English. When he left here he told some workers he was going to Fresno and other towns of the south.



THE FIRST ATTEMPT TO OPEN THE PORT



With great difficulty and police brutality, the strikers, Tuesday, July 3, declared they would open the port. The police gave every help, but the result is shown in the lower photo. None of the five trucks out of Pier 38 reached their destination. Notice the revolver and rifle.

Ranch Co. Fires Two Workers For Demanding Water

FIGHT PROVES THAT ONLY ORGANIZED ACTION CAN WIN BETTER CONDITIONS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 4.—I was picking apricots at Montgomery Investment Company in Simi Valley. The day started at 7 and ended at 5. Nine hours for \$2. Last Wednesday by nine o'clock the straw boss still had not brought any water. One fellow there knew I was a Red, so he told others and they all asked me to get water for them. So I asked them if they were scared to ask for water. They all began to clamor. The boss told us that water was on the way. That quieted us for a while, but no water came. So I hollered "I'm thirsty, I can't work", and sat down.

The others sat down too, but they got up again when the straw boss came running up and said "If you can't stand without water from now until noon you might as well start walking to the pitting shed and not come back until this afternoon." So I told the fellows we might as well save ourselves the walk and sit down.

I wanted the fellows to go down with me to see the big shot, but they wouldn't do it. Another fellow and I got fired for taking the initiative. The straw boss told me that the canteen had been lost. But it seems damned funny to me that a company as rich as the Montgomery could not have at least one extra canteen so the workers would not have to wait for a drink of water.

—Young Worker.

(EDITOR'S NOTE)—This young worker came into the office after writing this letter and explained that he was fired when he sat down and announced that he wouldn't work until he got water. He realizes already that he made a mistake in acting individually before the other workers were ready to act with him. They were slow because they were not class-conscious. He should have explained that only by acting together could they gain their demand.)

Revolt Among the Redwoods

By R. J. PEARSALE

"Dad," said my young son to me as we drove into Eureka. "This is the tackiest town I ever saw. And why are there so many people here who can't use their legs?" And what does the name Eureka mean anyway?" I explained that Eureka means "I have found it." And that the unpaved side streets, the old wooden sidewalks, the unpainted and decaying houses and the shattered bodies of the workers indicated that we had indeed found perhaps the best example in California of the workings of the capitalist system.

The country has been stripped of wealth, the redwood forests have yielded hundreds of millions in profits, and the people and other hundreds of millions. This wealth has all gone out, to furnish luxurious living for the exploiters; and the native American workers, cut off by hundreds of miles of forest from the rest of the world, have remained almost in ignorance of the wealth which they have been robbed, almost content with starvation wages and misery. Almost—until recently!

Now there is a change. The hope of the workers in N. R. A. has gone and their trust in capitalism itself is rapidly dwindling to the vanishing point. Conditions in the mill and camp are worse than ever before. Semi-skilled occupations, such as peelers, choppers and buckers, are classed as unskilled, making the minimum pay of \$14 weekly the maximum in most cases. Even this is largely stolen from the workers by company grafts.

GYPO SYSTEM.

Typical of this is the rent for cabins in the camps. Three men share a cabin; they pay \$4 each per month, which pays the entire cost of the cabin in one year. The cabins last about fifteen years. Their board costs \$1.02 1/2 per day. This together with deductions for hospital insurance, stage fare, etc., leaves even the single men with very few dollars at the end of the week. Even the code minimum is sometimes reduced by the "gyppo" or contract system in which the earnings are so low that many married men who are steadily employed are forced to apply for relief in order to get food for their families.

A short time ago the militant National Lumber Workers Union complained so vigorously of these and other abuses that NRA Field Adviser Lazarus was sent to Eureka to investigate. When he complained weekly of the violations, he was told that Roosevelt and Johnson had designated the California Redwood Association to

administer the code. The sole purpose of the California Redwood Association being to increase profits for the lumber barons, it can of course be trusted to administer the code fairly!

When proof was furnished the weak-kneed Mr. Lazarus that union men are blacklisted by the association, employment office, and he was forced to question the manager, Bill Timmons, the latter replied boldly:

"I know nothing about the code. I can't see why the companies haven't the right to hire and fire anyone they see fit. If the men don't like it, to hell with them!"

Such are the conditions. What is the natural result? In every language there is a saying, "Be ware the fury of a patient people." The bosses should take note—but will not.

RUMBLING REBELLION.

Everywhere there is the rumbling of rebellion. Everywhere there is the growing realization of the necessity of workers' solidarity. Every day news of the workers' struggles in other cities for the right to live is breaking down the isolation of the Eureka workers.

Last night I attended an entertainment for the benefit of the striking San Francisco waterfront workers, given by the Finnish Federation and the Finnish Brotherhood combined. Very significant was this drawing together of the two Finnish organizations to help workers mainly not of their own race. The audience consisted of some three hundred workers of all nationalities, including many farmers. The proceeds—\$44.65—was sent to the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, the most militant of the waterfront unions. There were excellently acted radical plays and recitations in both Finnish and English, and fine music, all contributed by the workers. The writer was invited to speak, and enthusiastic applause, broken through by a wild rebel yell from a militant farmer, greeted his statement that he spoke as a member of the Communist Party.

Yes, things are stirring up here. The C. P. Section is alive and active; the National Lumber Workers Union is growing in the confidence of the workers; more effective than all for their class education is the brutality of the speed-up system, the wage cuts, the relief system, and the indifference of the superintendents and the absentee owners. Workers everywhere should realize that there is no spot, however isolated, where decaying capitalism is not sprouting revolt.

500 Wash. Lettuce Workers on Strike For Pay Increase

BATTLE STATE POLICE ON PICKET LINES; WERE LED BY C. & A. W. I. U.

MONROE, Wash., July 5.—Despite attacks by a mobilization of state highway police swinging clubs and hurling tear-gas, and several evictions of the strikers headquarters from one ranch and town to another, the nearly 500 striking lettuce workers of Fry's farm are still solid in rank and determined to hold until they win their demands.

The strike came as a spontaneous walkout of unorganized workers last week against the 10c an hour paid for field work and a correspondingly low wage for other work. The strikers, mainly young and inexperienced, were immediately given leadership by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union and a picket line was formed.

The strikers' demands for 25c an hour for the lowest paid classification and no discrimination against strikers after settlement, were turned down by the bosses. After two days the latter offered a compromise of 15c an hour, lowest pay. This the strikers refused. Then the state police, notorious from their viciousness against striking miners recently in Rock and Cle Elum, were brought in and attacked the picket lines with tear-gas and clubs. For two days more the pickets held their lines, but unable to get more than moral support from the other workers who were giving all their active energy to another place of land with the owners consent.

At 4:30 in the morning, again the police mobilized and threatened an attack within half an hour. Surrounded on three sides by woods and under brush, the situation was hopeless. The committee decided and moved headquarters to the Workers Center in Everett.

Friday night a meeting was called here, the strike committee reorganized, and a plan of action laid. Paul Butts, Communist candidate for Sheriff of Snohomish County, offered full support of the strike. Relief Workers Protective Assn., International Labor Defense, National Lumber Workers and the International Longshoremen Assn. all gave greetings and offered support.

Next morning at 4:30 a new picket line formed and marched to the Fry farm. They were again met with an attack by police. A new kitchen was established on the property of a sympathetic farmer, and after two days of the police terrorizing the farmer, the strike headquarters were set up in this town, on land of a man who refuses to be intimidated by the bulls.

Through all this the strikers, though starting new in struggle, are holding fast and the spirit is high for victory.

Merced United Farmers League Takes Up Case

MERCED, Calif., June 28.—The membership of the United Farmers League of Stevenson, Hilmar and Livingston met in the Portuguese Pentecost Hall in Stevenson Sunday afternoon June 24. A large committee of 14 was elected to prepare the case of J. E. Mount, who is up before the Superior Court in Merced on September 6. He is being charged with removal of furniture from his own home in Hilmar.

The committee is sending a delegation to the International Labor Defense for advice and counsel, since it was realized by all that only the I.L.D. defends and helps the workers and small farmers in court.

SERA Job Workers Face Repetition of Griffith Park Fire

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 3.—Flat refusal of Earl Jensen, relief czar, to reinstate William Anderson on an SERA job from which he had been fired for "Communist activities" was beaten here by joint committees from the Relief Workers' Protective Union and the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League. Anderson was accused of distributing leaflets on a road job near Glen Oaks, north of Glen.

Seeing this action, Jensen had Anderson re-instated. Because of the dry weather, workers on this job are fearful of a repetition of the Griffith Park fire disaster. In spite of that terrible cost in human life, for which no compensation was paid, the charity racketeers are leaving this SERA job with little or no equipment for combating fire.

Clayton Coffee Shop

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TRADE UNION NOTES

Oakland Waiters Go On Strike for Pay Raise, 5-Day Week

OAKLAND, Calif., July 1.—Cooks, waiters, waitresses and dishwashers of four restaurants came out on strike yesterday for the demands adopted by Local 31, (A.F. of L.) including an increased wage scale and five-day week.

The action was held up for some time since the membership voted to struggle for their demands, while the officials dickered with the bosses. Finally, however, the demands were presented to the restaurants and some of them signed the agreement at once.

Picketing is being conducted before the struck restaurants, and the membership is determined to win its fight.

One result of the dickerings, resulting in many of the dishwashers realizing they must depend upon themselves rather than officials in winning the strike, is that the scale set for them has been cut from the \$3 a day that the membership voted as their demand to \$2.60 when the officials finally drew up the demands for the agreement presented to the bosses.

Building Trades League Fights for Unemployed

SAN MATEO, Cal., July 4.—The San Mateo Building Trades League is fighting against discrimination of their members and for relief for unemployed building trades workers, other unemployed workers are coming to the League for help. On June 26th an unemployed widow with a little girl came to their headquarters and told them she had been denied relief. The League sent a committee to see the Supervisor, Rousley Brown, and demanded relief. The supervisor was so intoxicated that she could hardly talk to the delegation. The next morning relief was granted. The relief of another widow was given a relief check for \$2.00 but was listed for a \$2.50 work order. The Building Trades Industrial League has gained control over two jobs where their members are working, one in San Mateo and one in San Francisco. They are continuing to fight for relief for their unemployed members and better conditions on the job for those who are employed.

Unit Shop Bulletin Queers Standard Oil Co. Union Meet

RICHMOND, Cal., July 4.—As a result of the leaflet circulated by the Standard Oil unit of the Communist Party here, only 20 per cent of the workers attended the meeting called by the company union last Thursday night. The Company is getting scared stiff at the growing militancy of the workers here in resisting the rotten conditions. The place is a walking arsenal, with some 200 armed scab herders patrolling the place night and day.

The "Employees Association" is the answer which the company is attempting to make to the demand for a rank and file controlled union. The "Agitator", a shop paper of the Standard Oil Unit, was issued Thursday morning and distributed at the refinery gates, calling upon all workers to boycott the meeting. As a result of six months of consistent appearance, most of the workers here watch eagerly for the appearance of the paper, and definitely look to it for leadership. The "Agitator" takes up not only issues coming up in the shop, but consistently explains to the workers the meaning of the Party's program for a workers' and farmers' government. Because of the intense campaign which the press is carrying on against the Party, the workers are just as eager to get this material as to find leadership on questions of what to do in the shop.

L.A. Youth To Hold Aug. 1st Conference; Lay Plans for July 16

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 5.—Youth preparations for the August First Anti-War demonstration at the Plaza will be furthered at a conference July 16 at 6 So. Spring St.

A program and dance will follow the meeting. Yesterday 300 youth attended the July 4th encampment of the Youth Section at Griffith Park. Twelve anti-fascist action drill-squads, with 150 participating were organized for the occasion. The morning was devoted to round table discussions: National Minorities and Fascism, led by Lillian Jones; Students and Fascism, led by George Green; Young Workers and Fascism, led by Jack Moore; and War and Fascism, led by Lou Miller. The afternoon was devoted to drill, sports, and a talk by Dorothy Zadow, organizer of the Youth Section of the American League Against War and Fascism.

MWU Hall In Pedro Raided, Two Jailed; 7 Pickets Arrested

SAN PEDRO, Calif., July 5.—Following a raid on the Marine Workers Industrial Union hall here yesterday, Jim Lacey, correspondent of the Western Worker, and Charles Reaney, Marine Workers Industrial Union member, were arrested by the R.I.D. Squad led by Hache and Cole. Lacey was brutally beaten while in jail.

Pedro jails from arrests this week on the picket lines, had as a reward frame-up charges. Manuel Flores, charged with "assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill", was also beaten. Mack McAffery was charged with "assault with a deadly weapon". Frank Connelly and Frank Mariza are charged with "suspicion of burglary". Francisco Diaz is being held without charges.

Div. 1104, Street Car Men Favor General Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 6.—At the regular meeting of Division No. 1104 of the street-car men, a delegate from the longshoremen addressed the membership asking them to support the fight of the workers on the waterfront by voting for a general strike. The enthusiastic reception he got by the men showed they were for it strong, particularly since the police murdering of workers on the front. P. J. O'Brien, 2nd vice president from the International office, told the men there is no such thing as a strike in the A.F. of L. as arbitration is considered the best way to settle wage disputes, but so great was the sentiment of the men that he decided to add that in this case there seemed to be only one way out and that was to have a general strike.

Another meeting has been called for 3:30 tonight, and everything will be taken and the vote will be taken, but the sentiment of the men is to join the many other union locals that are for a general strike.

Pedro Maritime Federation's Aims Against MWIU

FORCED TO SEAT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNITED FRONT OF SEAMEN.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 22.—Since the longshoremen defeated the sell-out proposals of the I.L.A. misleaders, these fakery have become aware that proposals must take into consideration the striking seamen if the longshoremen are to pay any attention to them. With this in mind the higher officials of the A.F. of L. unions here have set up a dummy Maritime Federation which will involve the ISU misleaders in a "united front" with Peterson of the I.L.A.

The first meetings of this hand-picked "Federation" were taken up with such serious work as passing resolutions calling on the board of health to investigate the unsanitary conditions on the "Diamond Head," the scab training ship here.

The real purpose of the so-called Maritime Federation was to give a blanket endorsement to the ISU and to isolate the Marine Workers' Industrial Union. They could not come out openly in this because of the views of the rank and file seamen on strike and so they first seated the delegate of the United Front in the "Federation" and then tried to isolate him in meetings, attempting at the same time to draw away from the United Front Seamen's Central Strike Committee the rank and file support.

Finding it difficult to suppress the delegate of the United Front, the police department co-operated with Peterson and the ISU fakery by arresting him, giving him a severe beating and dumping him on the highway seven miles out of town.

The last meeting of the Federation was so irregular that O'Connor, representative of the Marine Cooks and Waiters who presided, declared it unconstitutional. Last night 400 striking seamen at a mass meeting elected O'Connor to represent the United Front Seamen's Central Strike Committee at the San Francisco conference. O'Connor is one of the few ISU officials that the rank and file still have any faith in.

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Agricultural Strike in Jersey

BRIDGETON, N. J., July 6.—Four men were injured here today when constables and state police attacked the farm strikers. This is the twelfth day of the farm strike, involving 400 workers. They are making a militant struggle to win an increase in pay over the 17c an hour scale now in force on the Seabrook co-operation farm. More than 150 workers, the entire force of the Deerfield Packing Company, voted to join the strike against Seabrook.

Steel Layoffs Paved by Sell-Out

SOUTH CHICAGO, Ill., July 2.—Sweeping lay-offs, for which the sell-out of the Amalgamated Association's leaders paved the way, are driving thousands of steel workers out of the mills. Only 300 are working in Republic Steel, which normally employs 1800. The 38-inch mill in Illinois steel is closed, and hundreds have been thrown out of every plant in South Chicago. Even the Daily Calumet, steel-trust controlled sheet, admits that already 4,000 have been fired, that thousands more are doomed to joblessness, and that the stagger system is to be introduced.

Relief Strikes Spread

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 1.—Fifteen hundred workers, led by Unemployed Councils, forced the City Council to adopt resolution for payment of cash rent for unemployed workers and to give back all relief cuts since March. Meanwhile, 2,200 relief workers are on strike in Des Moines against inadequate relief, demanding a 24-hour working week for all unemployed. They have elected a rank-and-file strike committee of 25 and adopted a plan of action for winning the strike.

200 relief workers at the military reservation at Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, struck Thursday, demanding a 30-hour week, minimum wages of \$15, and time and a half for over-time.

Chester Dismisses Negro Teachers

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 1.—All of the Negro teachers in the Chester, Pennsylvania, schools, 53 in number, have been dismissed. The League of Struggle for Negro Rights has called for a broad united front against the authorities, and for the reinstatement of the Negro teachers and the opening of all schools to all children regardless of color.

Miners on Heels of Faker

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 1.—Nine United Mine Workers locals in the Allegheny Valley, at a rank-and-file controlled meeting, last Thursday, forced Patrick Fagan, AF of L sell-out leader, to bring about a settlement favorable to the workers in the Logan Ferry strike or have power taken out of his hands by 5,000 miners who are ready to strike if the demand is not met. The Logan Ferry strike has now lasted about five weeks.

40,000 Deserted C. C. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2.—Robert Fechner, CCC director, has announced that 160,000 new recruits would be enlisted in the militaristic CCC camps beginning yesterday. His announcement also showed that 40,000 young workers had deserted the camps in the past six months. 70,000 will replace those discharged for leading strikes and struggles, or whose terms expired. 40,000 will replace those who deserted because of bad food, intimidation, and military conditions, and 50,000 will be taken from the drought area, where 173 camps are to be established.

Hoan Action Forced by "Daily"

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 3.—Action of the Daily Worker in exposing the fact that the Bergeff Detective Agency, 2 Columbus Circle, shipped thugs with police records to Milwaukee to be used against the street-car strikers forced Mayor Daniel Hoan to state that "the arrests were made upon demand of Mayor Daniel W. Hoan, who had gotten a tip from New York of the gang's departure from that city." Of the 23 arrested, many had long criminal records.

General Strike Looms in Minneapolis Again

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 7.—Over 75,000 trade unionists here ready approval of a general strike in support of the 5,000 teamsters whose recent militant strike was ended by a tricky sell-out arranged by the National Labor Board, and now exposed before all the workers.

1100 Akron Rubber Workers Strike

AKRON, Ohio, June 27.—The strike of 1100 rubber workers of the General Tire and Rubber Co., begun last Wednesday, continues at full strength and augmented by other workers, picket lines of 1500 are daily thrown around the plant. The whole plant is shut down and not a scab is working. Efforts of the company and police to split the solid ranks with a red scare are unavailing.

Work Six Hour Day For 23c in L. A. Labor Camps

WORKER DESCRIBES ROTTER CONDITIONS IN CAMPS FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 8.—This letter, written by a worker in one of the county forced labor camps for unemployed single men, explains graphically why the Relief Workers Protective Union is fighting forced labor.

I wish to notify you of the real conditions in the camps for the unemployed. These camps are being represented as homes for the indigent and transient men who have no homes. First, the men in these camps have to work for thirty hours a week at hard labor making roads and firebreaks in this valuable watershed. Our food is the poorest. Allowance for each man per day is 23c. Work for six hours at hard labor for 23c. We get 15c worth of food each week. We are supposed to get overalls, shoes, socks, shirts and underwear, but if you get any clothing you have to fight for it. We get a charity donation of \$5 per month PROVIDING you give satisfaction—in other words, you must drop to the ground with the pick and shovel in your hands. Pick up your plate and get your little handout and go back and sit down. Can the general public realize that these camps are worse than any of the state penitentiaries? We have mud floors in these tents, and if it rains you have to keep a little foot board to stand on until you get dressed. But now the heads of the charity department are going to make everything worse. They are going to install double deck jail beds. Like Any Jail.

Planted in the center of this camp is a flag-pole, from which floats the flag of liberty and independence (just the same as any other jail) and beneath that banner we work 30 hours at hard labor for 23c worth of food per day, while the water companies are dumping the water we are protecting in these watersheds and selling it to the public for domestic and irrigation purposes. And these companies are not paying one dollar for the work we do in protecting these interests.

Anyone coming to these hard labor charity camps, remember the motto: "All who enter here leave all hope behind." When you come to one of these camps you have no contact with the everyday world. Advise all the poor devils of the facts before they take this jump into American Slavery—Forced Labor Slave.

Stockton Protests

STOCKTON, Calif., July 7.—A mass meeting of 200 was held at Hunters Square and sent protest to Governor Merriam, demanding the withdrawal of the troops from the waterfront. A wire was also sent to Judge Ames demanding the release of Joseph Wilson, district head of the I.L.D.

ANSWER THIS WITH A GENERAL STRIKE



Guardsmen bringing in machine guns to help the Industrial Association's attempt to break the longshore strike.

Fight Forced Labor, Segregation, Negro Worker Appeals

By a Negro Worker.

ALHAMBRA, Calif., July 2.—Recently there was community garden opened in Alhambra. The foreman and two or three other paid officials gave us a line of bull about being "one big family" and we were to be worked in squads.

Three of us who were radical were kept together, but during our lunch hour each day we talked to the other fellows. When I got my second card, I was sent across the garden to dig an irrigation ditch alone. When this job played out, I was sent to work with two fellows plowing beans. I was to take a rake and uncover any beans that got covered up. I walked close to the plowmen and listened to their talk of past good times. When they finished, I said, "Now fellows, let's talk about our conditions now and face the future."

At this point the straw boss told me to go see the foreman. They talked to one side, and then told me I would have to work across the railroad alone. I refused to be segregated so the foreman (Earl Davis) sent me home. All the fellows said I wasn't.

Two weeks later I got a card to come to the welfare officers. They wanted to know if my wife could work. I said we had two babies, and then I was sent to see Mr. Wormsly. He inquired what was wrong with Mr. Davis and me. I told him I refused to be segregated and furthermore I

Sterling Furniture Workers Beat Third Wage Cut Attempt

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 4.—For the third time in two months the workers in the Sterling Furniture plant at 1605 E. 15th St. have called a stoppage and won their point.

Monday, Charles Fodder, new "efficiency expert" foreman, tried a small cut in the upholstering department. Immediately all the fifty-four workers, thoroughly organized through shop committees under the leadership of the Furniture Workers' Industrial Union, called a halt that lasted half a day before the boss rescinded the cut.

Fodder tried the usual ruse of trying to split the workers, saying that no other department would be touched. "Talk to the committee," was the only answer the workers would give to the raging bosses who told them they were fired and to "get out."

Fodder has a reputation in Los Angeles and Oakland for instilling fancy wage-cutting schemes. This particular ruse is familiar to the Sterling workers. It was tried less than two months ago with the same response from the workers. Next day they found pay slips in two other departments worked down, then erased and marked up again.

I felt that my race had paid for this country working as slaves for over 250 years and still were being exploited and denied the right to live. He ended the conversation by saying I could get a clothes order and also could go to the clinic for an examination while I wasn't working.

White and Negro workers, rebel against this forced labor! Don't be forced into slavery! To give in is inviting Fascism.

Defeat Attempt to Bar Long Beach Red Candidates

WORKERS GET 7 TIMES THEIR QUOTA; BEAT REGISTRAR'S TRICKS TO DISQUALIFY.

LONG BEACH, Calif., July 5.—The strong fight put up by the workers here to get and keep the Communist Party candidates on the ballot is being kept up to pile up a large vote for them.

Remembering the tricks of Cameron King of San Francisco two years ago in disqualifying thousands upon thousands of thousands of petition signatures, the workers here overfilled their quota of 300 names by getting more than 2000. This is largely due to the prestige the Party gained in leading the relief struggles of the unemployed.

When the Party got on, the next trick was to try to disqualify the candidates and Registrar Kerr accepted only six of the 35 sponsors for Hortense Allison, and tried to disqualify Harry Kane because he served five years in Leavenworth penitentiary for opposing the last war. Both are running for state assembly. But the Election Committee got to work and found where Kerr was misinterpreting the law, as well as holding sponsors' affidavits here instead of sending them in. A letter containing the facts that Mrs. N. M. Spender and Miss Jessie Isom, deputy registrars, were withholding sponsors' affidavits was sent to Kerr. And so now it is admitted Comrade Allison has 26 sponsors good, which is more than enough, and both she and Comrade Kane are successfully filed.

And now the campaign is going on with the same spirit to poll a huge vote.

Foreign News Briefs

British Union Heads for War Policy

LONDON, Eng., July 1.—The British Trade Union Congress took another step in aiding British imperialism Friday, by giving up its "peace at any price" slogan in favor of "disarmament by agreement, not example." It was explained that the Congress does not expect Great Britain to disarm until others have disarmed.

Czech Workers Aroused for Thaelmann

PRAGUE, June 28.—The workers of the big steel and metal plants in Czechoslovakia are mobilized in the Thaelmann campaign. At a factory meeting in the Trinec Iron Works over 4,000 employed unanimously protested the imprisonment of Thaelmann and other class-war prisoners in Germany. Workers in the Prager Iron Company in Kladno pledged their efforts in the free Thaelmann fight.

French Launch Submarines

ST. NAZAIRE, June 29.—The Conqueror, a new French submarine, displacing 1,500 tons afloat and 2,800 tons submerged, was floated Tuesday. It has 11 torpedo tubes and a range of action of 10,000 miles. It is 300 feet long and can do 20 knots on the surface or 10 submerged.

Two Die in Amsterdam Demonstration

AMSTERDAM, Holland, July 6.—Two men were killed and twenty wounded as a result of police attacking workers demonstrating against a cut in the dole for unemployed. There was more violence during the protest strike of 24 hours in the harbor. Police reinforcements had to be called in from other cities.

Red Candidate of Mexico Polls 6,406

MEXICO CITY, July 2.—In spite of the terroristic methods used in the elections by the National (Counter) Revolutionary Party, which made it practically impossible to obtain a recorded vote for candidates opposing General Calles' choice, Herman Laborde, Communist candidate for president, obtained 6,406 votes. This was only slightly less than the number conceded the well-publicized Tejeda, former governor of Vera Cruz.

USSR Heavy Industry Up 28%

MOSCOW, USSR, July 2.—A 28% increase in production of heavy industry of the Soviet Union is reported for the first half of 1934, as compared to 1933. Gross production during the same period amounts to 9,400,000,000 rubles, which equals the entire output for 1933. There has been a 17% rise in labor productivity, while cost of production has been reduced by 5.5% in the first four months.

The rise in the separate branches of heavy industry in the first half of 1934 as compared to 1933 is as follows: coal, 27%; pig iron, 55%; steel, 48%; rolled metal, 38%; locomotive construction 35%; freight cars, 40%; motor trucks, 34%; automobiles, 239%. Aluminum production increased five times.

Italian Anti-Fascists Jailed

ROME, Italy, July 5th.—16 Anti-Fascists from Bologna today were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 2 years to 10 years by a special tribunal for the defense of the state. Dalife Mazza, the leader, was sentenced to 10 years. The group was engaged in activities against the black shirt regime.

Soviet Union Wins Spanish Recognition

MADRID, July 1.—Another victory for the USSR when the Spanish government announced that diplomatic relations between the two countries are to be established and ministers exchanged.

Agrarian Revolt Sweeps Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 7.—Communist-led farmers and agricultural workers in Chile, in the second week of their revolutionary uprising, swept northward over a hundred-mile front from Rancagua in Cautin province to Jaitu. The advance was made under the greatest hardships, in sub-zero weather, several of the revolutionary fighters freezing to death.

Exhibit, Bazaar Of Marxist Literature July 13-15 In L. A.

LOS ANGELES, July 9th.—Workers, students and intellectuals of Los Angeles have the opportunity to see an elaborate exhibition of Marxist-Leninist books and pamphlets in many languages at the Exhibit and Bazaar to be held at the Los Angeles Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring Street on July 13, 14 and 15 from 6 p. m. to midnight.

Working class organizations such as the International Labor Defense, the Young Communist League, the Morning Freiheit Conference, and the Friends of the Soviet Union will have booths at this bazaar exhibiting all their publications showing their progress from the first issues.

At this bazaar and exhibition and all week of July 13th to 21st inc., \$1000 worth of revolutionary books and pamphlets on Economics, Politics, Sociology, Labor, The Soviet Union, and other subjects will be offered at reduced prices, ranging from 15% to 40% discounts. Special exhibits and demonstrations of revolutionary agit-prop work will also be featured. The books, at the same discount, are on sale at the Workers' Bookshop, Room 418, 224 So. Spring Street, during this period.

This Marxist, Leninist Literature Popularization Week will be concluded on Saturday, July 21, at the Cultural Center Prize Costume Ball, depicting titles of famous revolutionary books. Organizations and individuals are urged to enter this competition for five prizes in literature purchases.

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World Events and Western Workers

By George Morris

"Independence Day" — "Bloody Thursday" — Political Lessons for Workers — Fremont Older on the Soviet Union — On the Church — On Culture — For a Crusade Against the Soviets — On the Reichstag Fire

then was to preserve the united action of the unions which hung on a thread.

But all the educational work of the Communists among the workers to counter these false illusions was made insignificant in comparison with the lessons of thousands of deaths from the experiences on "Bloody Thursday."

"BLOODY SUNDAY"

Old-timers remember the horror stories of massacres by the Czar of Russia, especially "Bloody Sunday" in 1905. The starving masses then too were ill-treated and they were led by a priest, and carried icons and crosses for banners, they would get a hearing. But they got was a volley of bullets.

Some time later, in March, 1917, the Russian masses fell for "democratic" illusions similar to such as prevail in the United States today. But within a very short time that was exposed by a series of massacres, of which the most notable was the drowning of the July demonstration. Quickly the moving events, and the LEADER, MOVING OF THE PARTY OF LENIN SOON SHOWED THE MASSES THE WAY OUT — A SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

Consequently, while they for 17 years have been building a new society, enjoy a continually improving living standard, and real freedom, we are still getting shot down in the fight for the right to live.

But unless you are a member of some Socialist Party tea-drinking outfit, a Proletarian Party, Socialist-Labor Party, or some such sectarian group, you must admit, the workers of the United States are now also moving fast.

OLDER DISCOVERS RUSSIA.

How the story ever developed, that Fremont Older is a liberal, still remains to be explained. He is the most out-spoken reactionary, so much so that he is suitable for Hearst, and it's a matter of common knowledge that his pink paper is the yellowest of the yellow journals. The role of his paper during the strike is a model example of how the capitalist press lies, incites a lynch spirit against the workers, and moves to split the workers, and cries for the blood of "Reds."

stuff is his editorial on July 2, entitled "Russia's Persecution of Christians."

He finally got the dope on Russia. From Charles R. Crane, a millionaire whom Older finds to be liberal, "always in sympathy with the poor," and who recently traveled in the Soviet Union. Here is how Older summarizes Crane's findings:

"Mr. Crane says that the property of all CHRISTIANS HAS BEEN SEIZED; all Christians are ostracized and have no status of any kind before the Bolshevik government. They have been reduced to a state of absolute slavery by the little handful of food that they have to line up for every day and which is withdrawn from them on the slightest pretext. THREE MILLION OF THEM—THE GREAT BODY THAT CARRIED RICH RUSSIAN CULTURE A THOUSAND YEARS OLD FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE OTHER—HAVE BEEN EXILED."

"THOUSANDS OF PRIESTS AND BISHOPS HAVE BEEN SHOT AND EXILED, AND THE CHURCH LIFE SHRUNKEN TO THE LOWEST POSSIBLE TERM. All the beautiful old bells have been melted and thousands of churches destroyed. This year is given up to the burning of all religious literature. The children have been mercilessly drilled in atheism."

"Germany, Crane says, is aware of all this, being close to Russia. Living near by, many Germans are going and coming, and thousands of refugees have passed through Germany on their way to exile. One thing the Nationalist government is absolutely clear about is that it is not going to allow the German culture to be in the slightest degree menaced by communist processes, and when the Nazi government was founded and the communists tried to seize it and burned the Reichstag, the Nazis did not hesitate to give the movement such a blow that the communists and their friends would not feel like starting a thing of that kind again."

FOR A "CRUSADE"

Hitler could pick no better editor for his newspapers. Older hasn't a word about Jews but the old fairy tales about a small

Jewish clique running Russia, and recently revived by the Silver Shirts, is clearly implied. Failing to fool anyone into believing that the Soviet Union failed, they always fish out the old "reliable" religion. The effort is to present intervention into the Soviet Union as a Crusade, to save Christianity.

But what are the facts? There are four million Jews in the USSR out of a population of 170 million. Among the Jews there was a far larger percentage who could not conform to the new social order than among the Christians. A far larger percentage were tradesmen, and capitalists, some being among the foremost magnates. Many of these ran away from the country as the Red army swept through. Of those who remained, many for years could not conform themselves to productive work, and were enemies of the Soviet Union, some even today.

For the poor the Soviet Union built factories, training schools, and other means to encourage them to pursue a useful life. But those who insist on dreaming of a return of capitalism are in misery and will remain so. Nor do they enjoy the status of citizens, as the Red army swept through. Of those who remained, many for years could not conform themselves to productive work, and were enemies of the Soviet Union, some even today.

SAME OLD LIE.

Older would have us think that in the Soviet Union no one has the right to worship. But people concerned with this question need not take the word of these professional liars. Many priests have gone to the Soviet Union, but regardless of their attitude they had to admit that there was no persecution for any other. Now, the least bother you'll ever get in the choice of a religion, is the Soviet government. But there is also freedom for the Society to Advance Atheism. What Older, and others like him are growing over, is that superstition and ignorance being defeated in the war with science.

BEARERS OF "RUSSIAN CULTURE"

But while among the outcasts, the number of Christians may be greater, the percentage is less in comparison with those who at one time cared to call themselves Christians. But Fremont Older's three million is a bit of an exaggeration. Who are they? They are of the former nobility, the owners of the wealth which the workers took over, government officials whom only Hitler could rival, and tsarist officers. They represent all that was rotten in old Russia, and today are rivalled by the perversion and degeneration which stinks in Germany. They kept the masses in ignorance and illiterate. The stan-

dard of the Russian workers and farmers was the lowest in Europe. They were the pioneers in pogroms against Jews and Moslems. It is from them that the cosack rule originated. But says Older, "it is they who carried a rich Russian culture."

These same people are now strikebreaking elements wherever they are found. In Turkey, China, Paris, etc., their occupation is prostitution and such.

As even most reactionary elements in the U. S. are forced to admit, the Soviet Union in the 17 years it existed did more to advance culture than old Russia did for a thousand years. Corresponding with the progress there in the capitalist world we see the reverse. A country looked upon as the foremost culturally, Germany, is now back in the Middle Ages.

When the workers of Russia took power it was not on the basis of religion, race or nationality. The Soviet Power is a class power—the power of all those who toil. Neither was such distinction made among those who were cast out—the former ruling class.

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be cultural for Fremont Older, or Hitler, but the Soviet workers are grabbing upon this just as eagerly as for a long time people fell for religion. As we know, science is an anti-toxin to all religions or superstitious ideas. That's why it seems as if non-Christians are in power in the Soviet Union. These are people who simply don't go to church any more. But irrespective of what label they once carried, they have a greater right to calling themselves Christians than the most model Christians in the U. S. Such people as John D. Rockefeller, for example, have been out practicing on earth much of what Christianity promises in heaven—the brotherhood of all people; he who does not work shall not eat, advancing the welfare of the poor, etc. They have really "driven the money changers out of the temple."

HAVE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

And here is another secret to anyone interested in this question. When the Soviet Power was established, the Russian people for the first time got religious freedom. Formerly the official church was the Greek Catholic church. There was no subsidy, but persecution for any other. Now, the least bother you'll ever get in the choice of a religion, is the Soviet government. But there is also freedom for the Society to Advance Atheism. What Older, and others like him are growing over, is that superstition and ignorance being defeated in the war with science.

The biggest joke though, is Germany's fear of having its culture menaced. The chief Nazi guardians of German culture, are internationally known perverts and sadists, who have driven out of Germany, imprisoned or murdered the best that there is, even in capitalist culture. They have alienated every scientist of standing and burnt the works of the world's greatest authors.

But Older's statement that the Communists set the Reichstag building on fire, should convince even his faithful readers that this man and his informant are just plain liars, and haven't a spark of decency in them. After even the frame-up apparatus of Hitler acquitted the Communists and the whole world knows that the Nazis themselves did it, Older still insists on the slanderous lie.

Burbank Women Win Food For the School Children

WOMEN'S COUNCIL RALLY UNEMPLOYED; FORCE MILK, VEGETABLES BE GIVEN

BURBANK, July 9.—The Women's Council of Burbank has been leading a winning struggle for adequate food for children here. During the school term the Parent-Teachers Assn. was serving hot lunches to the children in school, but no provision has been made during the summer months to supply this food. Considering the rapid spread of infantile paralysis and the malnutrition among the children of the unemployed it is necessary that these children be given a better diet.

Pass the Buck.

Demands were presented to the city council of Burbank at a meeting of the unemployed. The city council, annoyed at the protesting workers crowding the council chambers, said that the City Manager would see the committee the next day. The City Manager called in the Social Welfare Department and turned the matter over to it. Because the committee was insistent the Welfare head was forced to go to the county for help.

At the next city council meeting speakers from the unemployed group repeated the demands. So the Social Welfare Department agreed to give additional milk and green vegetables to all unemployed families with children. If they register with the department.

The fight is not yet won and the Women's Council realizes that the Social Welfare Dept. will not keep its promise unless individual cases are followed up to see that all the demands are granted.

—Women's Council Member.

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Unity of Unions, General Strike, Will Win, Says Hudson in Speech

SINCLAIR and Hollywood

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 2.—The 4,000 people who came to the Shrine Auditorium to find out more about Upton Sinclair's program, were entertained with jokes about Hitler and Hollywood royalty, an Eisenstein film, "Death Day," a Negro quartet, and Rumba dances, but they found out little if anything about Sinclair's program.

True, Sinclair spoke, and his one-act play, "Depression Island," was presented. But he spoke more about the movie celebrities who were in the audience than about his so-called "way-out." "The American people are dumb," Sinclair said, "and I found that they will not listen to anything so long as you wave a flag."

Apparently, Sinclair is out to capture the "dumb bells" with Rumba dances and Hollywood celebrities.

One thing is obvious, Mr. Sinclair is not waiting for his "Ephe" to take himself and the "Depression Island" over 100,000 feet of Eisenstein film, the film which he called "wasted," but out of which he has made "Death Days" and will make other pictures to finance his campaign.

The Grand Entrance.

Sinclair's "Depression Island," a very poor play, is about three men lost on an island. They shake dice to see who shall own the island and the winner sets out to exploit Smith and Eling. Then comes the depression, and an election in which Smith is elected. He sets out to put Sinclair's program into action, but the owner of the island refuses to obey him. Says Sinclair: "You will 'I won't'." Says the owner: "I won't."

—You will—"I won't"—you will—"I won't!"

And after this keeps up for a while the master of ceremonies, Lewis Browne, comes out and says: "What's the matter, how long will this 'I won't'—'I won't' business go on?" Then the director of the play comes out and says, "Well, perhaps the author can tell us."

Shouts of "Author! Author!" Almee couldn't have thought of a better build-up for one of her entrances.

Well, Sinclair, who has all this time been sitting in the \$1.63 seats behind Charlie Chaplin, comes to the stage and miracle of miracles—what happens?

Sinclair opens his speech with "I was sitting behind Charlie Chaplin and asked him how he liked the play. He said he thought it a good obituary lesson. How about it, Charlie?"

There is a pause—then "Yes" from Chaplin.

—And how do you like it, Bob? Sinclair asks his friend Bob Wagner, the movie critic.

Relief Fighter L. A. Delegate to Paris Anti-War Meet

34 ORGANIZATIONS IN SO. CALIF. CONFERENCE BE—C/ME PERMANENT BODY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 7.—Mrs. Barnett, well-known leader in the San Pedro strike area, was elected unanimously by the Southern California Women's Congress Against War and Fascism at its conference July 1st to be its representative at the Paris Convention of the International Women's Congress Against War and Fascism which will be held in Paris, France, on July 28th.

Comrade Barnett has been active for some time in unemployment work in San Pedro, and more recently in the work of providing food and clothing for the striking longshoremen and seamen in San Pedro.

The Southern California Women's Congress at its meeting July 1st voted to affiliate with the American League Against War and Fascism as the Southern California Women's Section of the League. The Southern California Women's Congress is composed of thirty-four organizations representing 4,931 members. Sixty-three delegates represented these organizations at the July 1st conference. Delegates from each organization in the Women's Congress are to form a permanent central committee for the struggles against war and fascism to be carried out by each organization in its own territory. These women represent trade union, fraternal, political, cultural, and religious groups.

The conference elected two delegates to participate in the conference to prepare for August 1st.

A farewell supper party for Comrade Barnett will be held at the Los Angeles Cultural Center, 230 So. Spring St., Sunday July 8, at 8 p. m.

WORKERS in ALL towns!! Send in stories of your conditions to the W. W. — no other paper will print the truth about bad working conditions, etc.

Wagner doesn't hesitate, but he comes right out with "I think I was swindled." But from the one in his voice one could imagine him saying "I wish you'd quit making a fool of yourself, Upton. Leave the poor celebrities alone. This is supposed to be a political meeting and not a Hollywood premiere."

But Upton, being the fool that he is, goes on to bring the "Depression Island" and how did you like it, Paul Muni?" he asks.

There is no answer. There is a little waiting and still no answer. "Perhaps Muni left and didn't see it?" says Sinclair.

And then Muni grunts, "I'm here." And "I'm here" wait for Muni to say something else. But Muni says nothing.

"Speechless with delight, eh?" says Sinclair.

Don't Fight the C. S. Law.

And then Upton goes on, "I had nothing to do with the production of the play. I wrote it several years ago before I myself knew the way to end it. In the original there was something about the Criminal Syndicalism Law. If ever I become governor of California, I will remember it. I have been opposed to it since it started, but I'm going to be all for it and use it against the bosses if they try violence against my program. Between you and me, I don't think we're going to have any fighting at all. We're going to get our is 'and'."

This is the demagoguery by which Sinclair tries to fool the workers into supporting the Criminal Syndicalism Law, and explains his failure to fight against it. It conceals the fact that such laws are aimed against the worker, and will not and cannot be used against the rich. He says nothing about the vagrancy law, aimed to keep criminals out of the unemployed, to break strikes and all efforts of workers to defend themselves against persecution. He chooses to forget that two striking longshoremen have been killed, not for trying to get the island, but for trying to get to better conditions.

He says not a word about Tom Mooney or about the coming war.

Sinclair's keynote for workers' consumption is "You and me we're not going to have any fighting at all." Of course, when the capitalist and their blood-thirsty fight "you," smash your organizations, drive down your wages, living standards and standards of relief, that's your "new deal," and what "you" should do is VOTE FOR "ME," Sinclair says, and they're not going to fight "me."

—PAUL LARSON.

What are the main points of struggle as seen by the seamen and longshoremen? In the past there has been a whole history of struggles of the seamen and longshoremen, but always the seamen fought the longshoremen and the longshoremen fought the seamen. The whole history of our struggles shows a lack of unity. And now, for the first time, the seamen and longshoremen have learned their common enemy and united their forces and their united struggles have paralyzed industry. This will win, and weld itself in other ports.

One thing that the workers of the east coast have watched with interest is the part of the unemployed in this strike, and they have learned that the millions of unemployed will not stab out the strike. They have been one of the main allies of the strikers. This unity of workers is especially outstanding in this respect—the workers on the waterfront are still in various different organizations, originally intended to keep them separate. There is a United Front on the picket line of the members of an AF of L union and the fighting members of the revolutionary MWIU. The question of unity at this time is one of the vital questions confronting us in the struggles of all workers.

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But Ryan is only one of many, as worker after worker has pointed out. We must be on guard. What was done to Ryan must be done to others, and the sooner we do it the better it will be.

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1600 Pack Eagle's Hall to Hear MWIU Head Speak



Roy Hudson

(Below we reprint the speech of Roy Hudson, General Secretary of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, now touring coast cities.)

I speak not as one who has participated in the struggle, but as an onlooker. But I think that I can speak for tens of thousands of seamen and longshoremen on the east coast who know that this strike on the west coast is paving the way toward a national strike.

I am sure that in the name of the workers there I can bring an expression of working class solidarity to the strikers.

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longshoremen and seamen, after months of promises about a code after months of waiting for the Blue Book to be done away with, and for the recognition of the IILA, have concluded that if we want a code we'll have to write it.

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PROTECTING LIVES



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workers unless workers struggle or it. They won't say that the SU is all right, but the MWIU's red. They consider that all workers are striking and they fear the organization of all the workers. If you want ISU recognition, there is only one way—through action with all unions, for the recognition of all unions in the strike.

They say that the MWIU is radical. But what is the real policy of the ISU officials? They tell you that you will only get what the leaders can win for you by collective bargaining. This means that you organize, elect leaders, and then let your leaders convince the shipowners by reasoning. Their program is not striking as you are doing.

Here is the program of the MWIU. Better wages, better conditions and union recognition—must be won through mass power. The workers have only in their power, and our power lies in withholding our labor. We must organize to fight the shipowners—the police—the militia—Rossi—Roosevelt. They are our enemies, as we have learned through our struggles through our dead. If we are reds, then, after yesterday, there are many more reds on the waterfront.

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Editorial Column

Howard Sperry-Nick Coudeorakis

Howard Sperry and Nick Coudeorakis, died on the same day. They fell in the struggle against capitalist oppression for the right to live. They were murdered at the hands of the shipowners and their government.

Sperry, a world war veteran, was fortunate to return after "saving the world for democracy," but he fell at the hands of the very democracy which he helped to "save."

Coudeorakis, or Bordo, as he was more commonly known, was a member of the Communist Party, and of the Cooks Local No. 44. He was one of the most active workers in the Party. The strike found him in the forefront ranks. He answered the call of the Communist Party for wholehearted support to the strikers. And he certainly put all he had into it. On Memorial Day when Rossi's police let loose the worst blood bath up to that time, he was one of those seriously injured. But he was soon back on the firing line. On "Bloody Thursday" from early morning he was already in the Rincon Hill battle. But they finally got him in the massacre in front of the I. L. A. Hall. Shot through the back.

Coudeorakis was not a "nationally known red," just from New York as the detective, Duella, told the press. He was a devoted rank and file worker in the Party. Many workers know him as organizer of the Tom Mooney Branch of the International Labor Defense, a member of the Greek Spartacus Club, and a member of the Cooks and Waiters Union.

It is to be very much regretted that in the leaflet issued by the funeral arrangements committee of the strikers, a small footnote is given telling who Comrade Coudeorakis (Bordo) was. But nothing is said of him as a member of the Communist Party. In the leaflet he is a "vic'or" on the front. He was in strike activity every day. He knew that his duty as a Communist was to take part in all struggles of the workers.

He died so that families of longshoremen and seamen will have the right to a decent living. Such retreat—fear to acknowledge that a Communist died for the cause of the longshoremen—is unpardonable.

The workers of California will never forget these two brave fighters. They gave their lives so that thousands of workers and their families may have the right to organize and live as human beings.

Their devotion and sacrifice will stand out as an example to every worker. It will help thousands to realize that we are all in a class struggle—a battle between those who toil and those who exploit. Between these classes there can be no peace. The workers will answer the cold steel of the bosses with more effective organization and more determined militancy, for a new social order, in which labor shall rule.

It is precisely this that our fallen comrades would want us to accomplish to avenge the murder—so that their lives will not have been lost in vain.

I. L. D. Organizer Workers Pack L. A. Wilson Framed on Court for Trial of Contempt Charge Six Unemployed

ODIN LEE GIVEN 90 DAYS BY JUDGE STEIGER: TO APPEAL BOTH CASES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 7.—Joe Wilson, district organizer of the International Labor Defense, was today sentenced to five days in jail by Judge Steiger for contempt of court charges for sending a telegram from the I.L.D. demanding release of four maritime strikers two weeks ago. The four were subsequently released, but Wilson, held on these charges and others of conspiracy to obstruct justice, was kept on \$10,000 bail.

A writ of habeas corpus gotten by the Superior Court when Malloy, head of the Red Squad came into court with a complaint that he lyingly declared Judge Dunne had signed. Dunne, when apprised of the matter, denied ever having seen the complaint, much less signing it and so the framed charges of conspiracy were dropped.

Angered at this, Steiger yesterday sentenced Wilson to five days. Not daring to make it any more because of the flood of protests similar to Wilson's own which had come in, but he was determined to set a legal precedent denying the right of protest to workers.

The I.L.D. Monday will bring in a writ demanding Wilson's freedom, and charges are being prepared against both Malloy and Judge Steiger to bring them before the Grand Jury for conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Odin Lee, Chinese worker, was sentenced to 90 days in jail by Steiger on framed charges of vagrancy following his arrest distributing the Communist Party Manifesto. When Lee proved he was regularly employed and no vagrant, the fascist judge dropped all pretence and denounced him as a Communist and associating with Communists. The I.L.D. is appealing for funds to appeal these two frame-ups.

800 at Portland I.L.D. Anniversary

PORTLAND, Ore., July 2.—Over 800 workers took part in a mass demonstration at Plaza Park on June 25, the ninth anniversary of the International Labor Defense.

In Portland, committees were elected to visit the District Immigration Officer demanding the release of the seaman, Romanov, held for 5 months in the county jail on the instigation of the immigration department. The committee also went to the German Consul, with a resolution demanding the release of Ernst Thielmann.

In the evening a rally was held at the Italian Club of speakers, with a program of refreshments. All proceeds were used for the relief of political prisoners.

LEO GALLAGHER DEFENDING WORKERS FRAMED FOR JUNE 1st DEMONSTRATION

LOS ANGELES, Calif., July 6.—Workers continued to crowd outside the court and overflow crowds of the door as the trial of six workers, who participated in the June 1st unemployed demonstration, continued yesterday and today. These workers were slugged by the red squad when the police broke up the demonstration, and were then arrested and charged with assault and battery. This important trial is expected to last several weeks longer.

Leo Gallagher, I.L.D. attorney and Communist endorsed non-partisan candidate for the California Supreme Court, is defending many of the workers on trial. Comrade Mesnau, originally charged with embezzlement, with no explanation, but presumably because he was receiving relief, to which he is entitled, is defending himself.

Workers are urged to continue to pack the court-house and attend this trial in order to smash the court-house and to smash the trial.

Richmond Workers Fight City Ban on Street Meetings

RICHMOND, Calif., July 5.—Defying the proposed ordinance banning day-time street meetings in this city, the motion for which was passed by the City Council last Monday, the Communist Party in Richmond has called a street meeting for this coming Saturday.

The meeting will be followed up by a mass protest at the Council chambers next Monday night, July 16th, when the motion is to come up on a second.

To become law any motion must be read twice before being passed. The ordinance would restrict street meetings to the evening between 6:30 and 10 p. m. when few people are on the streets.

The ordinance is seen as the first move of the American Legion's attack on the Communist Party, who have been holding street meetings of more than 200 workers regularly. Leo Marullo, member of the local Legion post and a representative of the Standard Oil, brought a protest against the Council and Set of the Standard Oil introduced the motion. The Standard Oil has already tried to prevent their workers from going to labor meetings and fearing they might hear some truth about capitalism and the Standard Oil in particular are now trying to halt street meetings.

All workers in Contra Costa County are being urged to write and phone the City Clerk, Richmond 283, and City Attorney, Richmond 608, protesting the proposed ordinance.

HOW QUINN'S POLICE PREVENT BLOODSHED



Howard Sperry and Olsen, as they lay on the sidewalk, shot down by police Thursday. Sperry died and Olsen is in a dying condition. The attack, made without the slightest provocation, killed two.

"LAW & ORDER" ON BLOODY THURSDAY

IN THE MAY 30 FIGHT

Thursday July 5th has quite appropriately become known as "Bloody Thursday." No worker in San Francisco will ever forget it. The picture of the San Francisco police letting loose a wild all-day murder orgy against the workers will certainly remain indelible in the minds of the thousands who witnessed it.

The battle really started on Tuesday morning when the Industrial Assn. attempted to open the port. Most of the police forces of the city were concentrated at Pier 38, from which the first scab trucks emerged. But so were thousands of pickets, concentrated there. And not only there but for blocks around Rincon Hill, close by, was black with people.

The police, armed to the teeth, formed a cordon through which the scab cargo was to pass, clearing all pickets for a couple of blocks from either side of the pier. But the trucks could not go far beyond the waterfront.

Five trucks were either overturned or demolished. One was fired. Truck drivers were driven to the hospitals. This was no longer a strike of only waterfront workers, everybody was in it. In one case a truck was overturned and put out of order, tires slashed, etc. It lay over car tracks stopping all traffic. A towing company was called, but when their agent arrived, looked at the job and the thousands on the sidewalk he just stepped on the gas and went back home. The truck seemed like poison, no one would touch it to help get it out of the way. After a considerable time, the street-car company men arrived to clear the track.

One Truck Reaches Third St.

Third St. looked like a snowstorm hit it. One would never imagine that a truck load of rice could be scattered for two blocks. It soon became clear to the Industrial Assn. that the thousand police were inadequate for moving cargo. They boasted at the end of the day that 18 round trips were made, and released the joke of the town, that the five demolished trucks were not even effected by the strike. But thousands of pairs of eyes testify that they are liars.

The police certainly got the worst of the fighting on that day although they resorted to shooting, and exhausted all their tear-gas supply. Nine cops were injured. The wind seemed to favor the workers, and much of the tear-gas went back to the cops. Eight weeks of striking has also taught many workers how to throw the tear-gas bombs back.

The most valuable victory on that day however, was the pulling out of all the workers on the State Belt Line Railroad. Until that time this was the only means for transporting cargo. The State government, owner of the line, held these men down with a Yellow Dog contract. But tens of thousands on the waterfront on that day impressed them even more.

Holiday — The Fourth.

"There will be no cargo moved over the holiday," the Industrial Assn. announced. July Fourth is the day when we celebrate our "independence," and "right to life, liberty" But not a moment was lost during the holiday interval, to prepare for



Nick Coudeorakis, Communist Party member, indicated by arrow, was among those beaten by the police on the waterfront May 30th.

the workers a taste of this "independence," during the day to follow.

The newspapers screamed out with stories of strikers' atrocities and the "helplessness" of the police, and cried for the National Guard. Governor Merriam declared that if there is the slightest interference with the coast property, he would be glad to see the National Guard.



Gas Hotels, Headquarters.

The I.L.A. headquarters was gassed and everyone was bombed out. The drive to clear the waterfront consisted also in gassing the workers out of hotels where they live. The workers made a stand at the Seaboard Hotel from which many seamen were gassed and many were dragged out, wounded by revolver shots. The police invaded it wearing helmets.

For many blocks into the downtown district, crowds formed at corners, but soon mounted police would swoop down upon them cracking heads, and throwing gas bombs. A large crowd formed at Stuart and Market, when mounted police tried to break it up. The cops were met with bricks and were forced to go deeper and deeper into town along Market St. Every time they moved to return to the waterfront, the mass moved after them.

Orders to clear the entire front were carried out in a most ruthless manner. An extra amount

The day's toll was hundreds of wounded and two known dead. The hospitals showed a record of over 100 wounded, some of whom are still in a dying state.

"General Strike".

The entire city was electrified with rage. Democratic illusions seemed to have been torn out of the minds of every thinking person. If there was anyone who had anything good to say for the murderous government, he certainly would not dare to express it. IT WAS A UNANIMOUS VERDICT — COLD — BLOODED MURDER AT THE HANDS OF ROSSI'S POLICE.

Out of the entire situation as one chorus rose the cry "General Strike." Up to that time unions were only slowly taking up the slogan. But now it was unanimous. It no longer took arguments to prove to anyone that this is a strike affecting all labor.

In the meantime the State government stepped in with full force. Governor Merriam ordered two thousand troops to the Bay waterfronts. These came in with highpowered rifles, machine guns, and all necessary war equipment.

Merriam stated "STRIKERS HAVING REFUSED TO ARBITRATE MUST TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES, there are only two ways to settle this strike—by mediation or by force."

Colonel R. E. Mittelstaedt, in command, issued the following statement:

"The public must realize that the National Guard is now a part of the Army of the United States and is trained and equipped by the United States Government as the troops of the regular Army. Our troops are officers by World War veterans and we propose to undertake the duty as soldiers in the same manner as we would undertake a war-time mission."

"In view of the fact that we are equipped with rifles, bayonets, automatic rifles and machine guns, which are all high-powered weapons, the Embarecadero will not be a safe place for persons whose reasons for being there are not sufficient to run the risk of serious injury."

"We have 4,000 additional National Guard troops behind us and should this number be insufficient we can call the regular Army, Navy and Marine Corps to assist us."

"LAW AND ORDER WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ANY COST."

"Arbitrate" — Rossi.

When a committee of the Joint Strike Committee came before Mayor Rossi to protest the murderous action of his police thugs, the only reply they could get from him was "Why don't you arbitrate?"

The shipowners, their governor, police and Mayor, are a united front to force arbitration. But this all the more strengthens the determination of the workers to reject arbitration. They see what kind of "impartial" arbitrators government representatives there would be on a joint hiring hall.

Anyone who has seen the strikers charging the police time and again, defying tear-gas, and bullets, should be convinced that their solidarity will not be broken. Bullets will not succeed where McGraw, Ryan, Lewis, Rossi, and all the others who tried to trick them failed.

The ranks of the strikers remain as solid as ever as they feel certain that reinforcements are coming — the general strike of all labor.

WHERE CLASS WAR HEROES FELL —



On the day following "Bloody Thursday," workers chalked a tribute to their murdered comrades on the sidewalk at Stuart and Mission Streets, where they fell. Police erased the writing and kicked the flowers away, but workers have replaced the sidewalk memorial and put the inscriptions in paint.

Who Are Behind the National Guardsmen's Machine Guns?

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 6.—In ordering out the national guard to guard scabs and help the bosses open the port with force and violence, Gov. Merriam declared that the guard represents no class or faction.

Here are the officers in command on the waterfront. See for yourselves which class they belong to and whose interests they represent.

MAJ.-GEN. DAVID P. BARROWS — collaborated with Kolchak and Semenov and Japanese in Siberia, fighting against the workers and peasants revolution; fought bitterly against recognition of Workers Republics of USSR; just returned from months teaching in fascist Germany and now at University of California spreading Nazi propaganda; made many attacks on Communists, and on agricultural strikers; did not protest attempt to recruit scabs on university campus.

COL. EUGENE BENNETT — attorney for Standard Oil Co. through firm of Madison, Pillsbury and Sutro, attorneys.

COL. R. MITTELSTAEDT — General manager, Sacramento Water Co. who shut off water of unemployed unable to pay.

MAJ. A. A. CALKINS — Executive Director, Reconstruction Finance Corp., Wall St. plan for aiding the bankers at the expense of the workingclass.

CAPT. WM. FOSS — Assistant Treasurer of Alameda county, where relief for unemployed is cut to the bone; and attempts were made last year to cut workers off relief to force them to scab during strikes.

LT. COL. CURTIS O'SULLIVAN — of the (Ogden) Mills Estate, one of whose deeds was bilking the people of San Francisco into paying a high price for the marsh land turned into Mills Field Municipal Airport.

MAJOR REED CLARKE — corporation attorney.

MAJOR DAVID HARDY — Asst. Superintendent of Schools.

COL. WAYNE ALLEN — Purchasing Agent for Key Route (Ferry) System, Oakland.

JOIN THE ARMY AND SEE WHAT YOU GET —

(By a Soldier)

The soldiers in the U. S. Army are feeling the effects of the crisis the same as the workers in the rest of the world and conditions are continually getting worse. There was a restoration of pay last week, in the form of automatic pay increases for the higher officers (without getting the promotions), but this was exclusively for officers, not for the enlisted men. And we are the ones that need it, not them.

All we have gotten is a series of cuts—in pay, in clothing allowances, in food rations, the abolition of high marksmen's pay, re-enlistment bonuses, longevity pay, and in many special ratings. And these have had a devastating effect upon our earnings. Besides this, the continual rise in prices has made further inroads, particularly in the homes of married enlisted men.

Pay About \$10 a Month.

The advertised pay of \$21 a month is actually only \$18.90, since only 5% of the 15% cut has been returned to us. But we have to keep up the regulation appearance and so from this \$18.90 you must spend every month \$1 to the barber, \$1 to the barber, \$1.50 for toilet articles (dentally, is gone by enlisted laborers), \$1.50 for toilet articles and equipment polish and finally \$50 for the athletic fund. Figure it out. If it doesn't make you hate pay less than \$13 a month. Additional expenses bring it down to around \$10.

A soldier must buy from this meager amount left the "undercover regulation" requirements. Tailor-made shirts and uniforms at robber prices must be purchased or you are put on the "unpopular" list by the command. Heads of the departments are cut in by the post tailors. Olive drab serge shirts cost \$9.35, wrap leggings \$4.25, and the uniform of the list of dirty details. Sunday work, and few privileges, you must buy at least one complete uniform.

The war time clothing issue is so shabby that you are ashamed to wear them. But the allowance is so low that a recruit has deducted from his first pay \$10 to cover the cost of the first allowance of this shoddy clothing that he doesn't wear. In fact, the officers instruct new men not to wear issues, but to buy foreign ports, but to buy tailormade for "a soldier's appearance in the eyes of the foreign people measures the cultural development and strength of our forces."

The Company Fund.

Food rations and housing allowances are cut to the bone and it is impossible to properly house and feed the men wholesomely and sanitariously. And to "overcome" this shortage a further cut is put over in a very cute way—the "company fund."

This fund is collected by adding 10% to the cost of the above-mentioned articles that regulations require be purchased at the post commissaries and shops. And although there are no overhead charges (taxes, labor, etc.) attached to these commissaries, they charge 10% to 40% higher than the same articles in the civilian markets.

Each company keeps accounts by credits, on canteen checks (wooden money) show tickets, locker bills, laundry, shoe repairing bills, tailor and hat blocking bills, and "deduct" 10% from the gross account. This 10% appears to have no effect on the price, only because the price has previously been boosted. The two years, particularly among the pool tables in the day room (recreation rooms), where every game is charged for at commercial rates.

You Pay For Everything.

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Recruiting Shifted.

The desertions and breaches of discipline have become so acute that the War Department has been forced to shift the recruitment base mainly from the city to the rural areas, figuring these boys more conservative and easily disciplined because of lack of direct class struggle activities.

Right after the beginning of the crisis, they suddenly became extremely particular in the recruits, demanding two years high school education and coming from a family of "good standing." But the depth of the crisis has forced these families of "good standing" into "relief, discontent, price, only because the price has previously been boosted. The two years, particularly among the pool tables in the day room (recreation rooms), where every game is charged for at commercial rates.

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